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FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING REPEAT SANTIAGO 5798 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 15 JUL 77

QUOTE S E C R E T SANTIAGO 5798

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FOR NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PINS PINT PLO XF JO

SUBJECT: APPARENT APPROACH BY PLO

1. YESTERDAY EVENING AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION, JORDANIAN
AMBASSADOR HISHAM SHAWWA PROPOSED "IN A PERSONAL CAPACITY"
THAT I VISIT WITH ONE YOUSEF BANDAK. BANDAK IS APPARENTLY
TRAVELLING SOUTH AMERICA AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PLO.

2. AMBASSADOR SHAWWA IS HIMSELF A PALESTINIAN WHO HAS HAD
MANY YEARS' EXPERIENCE AS AN OFFICIAL OF A U.S. OIL COMPANY
AS WELL AS A DIPLOMAT FOR KING HUSSEIN. SHAWWA, WHO HAS
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KNOWN YASSER ARAFAT FOR MANY YEARS, SAID THAT BANDAK WAS A
MODERATE, CHRISTIAN PALESTINIAN WHO HAD A MESSAGE FOR
PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH HE WANTED TO TRANSMIT THROUGH ME.
THE AMBASSADOR CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION THAT ARAFAT HAD
SENT BANDAK TO HIM BECAUSE AHAWWA AND ARAFAT HAD GROWN UP
TOGETHER.

3. I REALIZE THE PRIMA FACIE ABSURDITY OF THE SITUATION.
WHY IS THE PLO MAKING AN APPROACH 11,000 MILES FROM THE
SCENE OF THE ACTION, 7,000 MILES FROM WASHINGTON AND
WITHOUT USING WHAT I ASSUME ARE ESTABLISHED CHANNELS?
ON THE OTHER HAND, AMBASSADOR SHAWWA IS A SERIOUS
PERSON, I HAVE THE IMPRESSION HE IS A MEMBER OF A
POWERFUL PALESTINIAN FAMILY. IN ANY CASE, HE HAS
ALWAYS PROVED TO BE A RELIABLE, SENSIBLE COLLEAGUE.
THEREFORE, I AM COPELLED TO WONDER WHAT IS GOING ON.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER I
SHOULD MAKE A POLITE REFUSAL OR HEAR WHAT MR BANDAK
HAS TO SAY. REGARDS.
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